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Mr. J. H. Huizingh Moab Salt Incorporated P. O. Box 1208 Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. Huizingh:

Re: Review of Mining and Reclamation Plan, Cane Creek Potash Mine, M/019/005, Grand County, Utah

We have not yet completed our review of your latest Mining and Reclamation Plan(MRP) response, submitted on March 18, 1988. Our sincerest apologies for taking this long to get back with you regarding the review. The individuals who originally worked on the plan have left the Division. Myself and the other members of my team have had to do some catching up regarding the Moab Salt plan. This letter is intended to give you an update regarding the status of the Division review of this plan.

The Division staff has made an initial review of your March 88 response, and found that all of the original concerns have been addressed in a satisfactory manner. A few minor details have yet to be ironed out. Nothing in it, at this point, could be termed grossly inadequate. We look forward to following the study programs that will be implemented over the next two years, and the eventual construction of the brine drainage control facilities.

The Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) has committed to comment on items 2, 3, and 4, as listed in Appendix A of the Division's January 28, 1988 review of your September 1987 MRP revision. I have contacted Mr. Steve McNeal of BWPC concerning the status of their review. Mr. McNeil indicated that their comments would hopefully be ready by the end of October.

The schedule which you have sent us regarding studies, etc. to satisfy the requirements of our January 28, 1988 review is satisfactory. Please do not postpone implementation of this schedule until you receive our formal tentative approval or final approval. As we discussed earlier over the phone, it is the Division's wish that you start implementation without delay and as indicated in your March 1988 submittal/response.

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It is our hope to have a tentative approval letter ready for you by the end of this month. Other members of the Minerals staff have yet to complete their review of the plan. Once this review is completed, we will be able to put a formal review package together for you.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

Reclamation Soils Specialist

HS/jb

cc: Steve McNeal, BWPC

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